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SUMMARY: DANISH RADIO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, CARRIED SEVERAL
CRITICAL NEWS ITEMS DRAWN FROM UPI AND REUTERS WIRE SERVICES
CONCERNING A GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE REPORT ON THE F-16.
THIS UNTIMELY AND LOCALLY DISTORTED NEWS RELEASE IS SERVING
THE PURPOSES OF THE VOCIFEROUS F-16 CRITICS IN DENMARK AND
IS MAKING MINISTER OF DEFENSE ORLA MOLLER'S PILGRIMAGE TO
THE FOLKETING NEXT WEDNESDAY TO ASK FOR MORE MONEY FOR THE
F-16 MOST DIFFICULT. END SUMMARY.
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1. FOLLOWING SEVERAL DAYS OF MOSTLY CRITICAL MEDIA COVERAGE
OF THE F-16, DENMARK RADIO TODAY APPEARED TO FEED THE WELL-
COORDINATED FIRES OF THE AIRPLANE'S CRITICS BY BROADCASTING
SELECTED PORTIONS OF WIRE SERVICE RELEASES CONCERNING THE
GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE REPORT ON THE F-16 PROJECT. THESE
RELEASES, WHICH WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY BE PICKED UP BY THE

PRESS TODAY, COME AT A MOST UNFORTUNATE TIME FOR DEFENSE MINISTER ORLA MOLLER. HE IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FOLKETING DEFENSE COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, TO ASK FOR MORE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE AIRPLANE.

2. THE REUTERS AND UPI RELEASE STATES THAT THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE REPORT CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAS TECHNICAL PROBLEMS THAT MAKE THE AIRPLANE VULNERABLE IN COMBAT, SUFFERS TECHNICAL BUGS IN THE ENGINE, AND RECOMMENDS THAT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAROLD BROWN QUOTE REVIEW CERTAIN FEATURES OF THE PLANE AND CAUTIONED HIM AGAINST LETTING EUROPEAN PRESSURE CURTAIL THE TEST PROGRAM THAT IS SUPPOSED TO PRECEDE FULL SCALE PRODUCTION UNQUOTE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS REPORT OF SHORTCOMINGS IN THE AIRCRAFT PROGRAM COMING FROM THE AMERICANS, ON TOP OF THE LOCAL POLITICAL ASSAULTS ON THE F-16 PROGRAM, MAKES MOD MOLLER'S MISSION TO THE FOLKETING MORE DIFFICULT.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO CRITICISMS CONTAINED IN THE GAO REPORT (WHICH WE HAVE NOT SEEN) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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